

## **CAPSULE SUMMARY**

**BA-2173**

**Hoffman-Belt-Tinley House**

**20420 Gunpowder Road**

**Hoffmanville, Baltimore County**

**Circa 1870**

**Private**

The Hoffman-Belt-Tinley House was historically located near the villages of Paper Mill Post Office and Rockdale in the Sixth District of Baltimore County. The house first appears on the 1877 Hopkins Atlas. Located along Gunpowder Road, no occupant of the house was noted. The Hoffman family name is possibly attributed to the dwelling due to the number of members of the Hoffman family that inhabited the area and their influence on the community. William H. Hoffman owned three paper mills in the vicinity, the Clipper, the Gunpowder, and the Rockdale Paper-Mills. In the towns of Paper Mill Post Office and Rockdale, W. H. Hoffman and Sons employed a large percentage of the population, totaling nearly two hundred employees.

Facing northeast on a large sloping grassy lot, this Gothic Revival single-family dwelling was constructed circa 1870 in a small crossroads community including a store, hotel, and a school. Surrounded by a wrought iron fence and a stone retaining wall at the corner with the intersection, this two-and-a-half story wood-frame house is three bays wide with a central entry. It features a central cross gable paired with a side-gable standing-seam metal roof. An ornamental half-hipped roof porch covers the full-width of the façade and is supported with chamfered wood posts and a solid balustrade clad with asbestos shingles. Lace-like brackets, spindlework, and a center cross gable are exhibited on the porch. Six 2/2 double-hung wood sash windows pierce the façade with pedimented wood surrounds and lug lintels. The first story windows are elongated, and the upper story contains a pointed arch window. The center entry features a single-leaf wood paneled door with a four-light transom and three-light sidelights over dado paneling. Other details of the house include two rebuilt exterior-end brick chimneys, scroll sawn eave brackets, wide eaves, and a raking molded cornice with returns. Alterations and additions of the house include it being reclad with asbestos shingles, a poured concrete foundation, and a rear one-story shed-roof porch enclosed on the rear elevation. Numerous historic outbuildings are associated with this property including a garage, workshop, chicken coop, corn crib, and a stable.

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## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-2173

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Hoffman-Belt-Tinley House

### 2. Location

street and number 20420 Gunpowder Road not for publication

city, town Millers vicinity

county Baltimore County

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Shirley S., Peter C., and Linda D. Tinley

street and number 20420 Gunpowder Road telephone Not Available

city, town Millers state MD zip code 21102-2532

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 7087 folio 611

city, town Towson tax map 5 tax parcel 49 tax ID number 0620050000

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	6
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	6
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Total
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			1

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Facing northeast on a large sloping grassy lot, this Gothic Revival single-family dwelling was constructed circa 1870 in a small crossroads community including a store, hotel, and a school. The two-and-a-half story wood-frame house is three bays wide with a central entry. It features a central cross gable paired with a side-gable standing-seam metal roof. An ornamental half-hipped roof porch covers the full-width of the façade and is supported with chamfered wood posts and a solid balustrade clad with asbestos shingles. Lace-like brackets, spindlework, and a center cross gable are exhibited on the porch. Six 2/2 double-hung wood sash windows pierce the façade with pedimented wood surrounds and lug lintels. The first story windows are elongated, and the upper story contains a pointed arch window. The center entry features a single-leaf wood paneled door with a four-light transom and three-light sidelights over dado paneling. Other details of the house include two rebuilt exterior-end brick chimneys, scroll sawn eave brackets, wide eaves, and a raking molded cornice with returns. Alterations and additions of the house include it being reclad with asbestos shingles, a poured concrete foundation, and a rear one-story shed-roof porch enclosed on the rear elevation.

Numerous historic outbuildings are associated with this property including a garage, workshop, chicken coop, corn crib, and a stable. To the south of the house is a circa 1925 garage, one-story high and two bays wide with a front gable roof. It is clad with German wood siding with corner boards. There is one roll-up paneled-with-lights wood door, and a single-leaf wood paneled door. It is capped with overhanging eaves with exposed roof rafters, and a corrugated sheet metal roof. To the rear of the house (west), is a circa 1940 guest house. It is one-and-a-half stories high and clad with grooved vertical boards. There is one 1-light fixed window and a one 6/6 double-hung wood sash window on the southeast elevation. It has side gable corrugated sheet metal roof with overhanging eaves, and a shed addition to the side and rear. The circa 1940 barn/stable has a side gable corrugated sheet metal roof and is clad with vertical wood boards. It is one bay wide with a large sliding wood door. The concrete block shed/workshop constructed circa 1940, has a front gable roof clad with corrugated sheet metal. It is one-bay wide with a single-leaf flush wood door. The corncrib constructed circa 1940, has a shed roof with two small single-light windows and a section rebuilt of concrete blocks.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**Specific dates** 1870 ca. **Architect/Builder** Unknown

**Construction dates** 1870 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

The Hoffman-Belt-Tinley House was historically located near the villages of Paper Mill Post Office and Rockdale in the Sixth District of Baltimore County. Although an exact date of construction has not been identified, historic maps and architectural evidence support a circa 1870 construction date. The Sixth District is located in the northwest corner of Baltimore County and is historically known for its rugged landscape, abundant waterpower, and production of wheat, corn, and oats. The house first appears on the 1877 Hopkins Atlas. Located along Gunpowder Road, no occupant of the house was noted. The Hoffman family name is possibly attributed to the dwelling due to the number of members of the Hoffman family that inhabited the area and their influence on the community. William H. Hoffman owned three paper mills in the vicinity, the Clipper, the Gunpowder, and the Rockdale Paper-Mills. In the towns of Paper Mill Post Office and Rockdale, W. H. Hoffman and Sons employed a large percentage of the population, totaling nearly two hundred employees.<sup>1</sup> In 1881, Paper Mill Post Office had three churches, public school No. 1, the Spring Grange No. 153, and one store. According to the 1915 Bromley Atlas of Baltimore County, G. D. Belt occupied the house.

<sup>1</sup> J. Thomas Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men* (Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA), p. 870.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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*Map of Baltimore County.* Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915.

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Sidney, J. C. *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys.* Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1.75 Acres

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name Lineboro

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The Hoffman-Belt-Tinley House is located at 20420 Gunpowder Road in Millers in the Sixth District of Baltimore County. It has historically been associated with tax map 5, parcel 49 since its construction in the third quarter of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

## 11. Form Prepared by

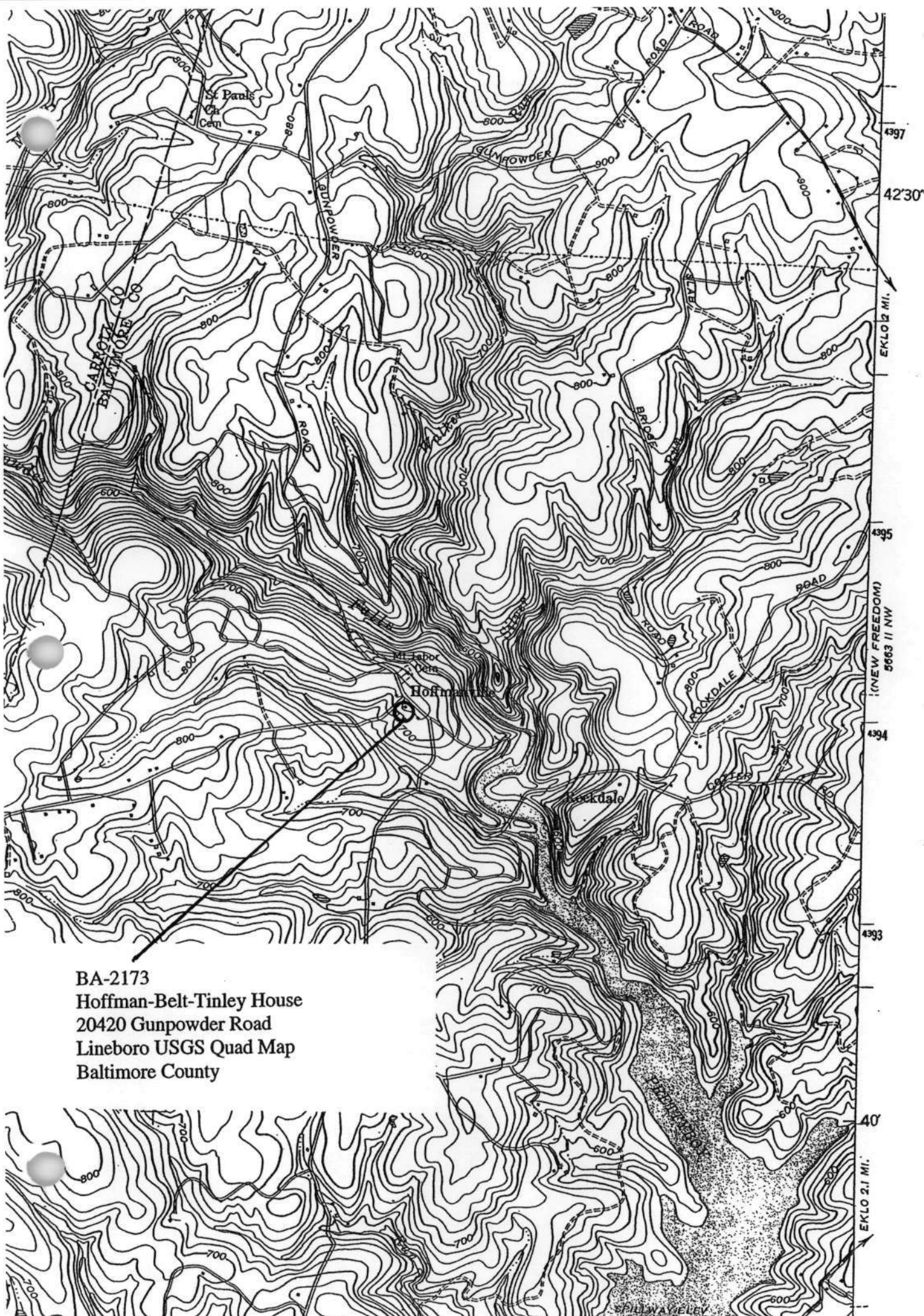
name/title	R. Weidlich and K. Baynard, Architectural Historians		
organization	EHT Traceries, Incorporated	date	February 11, 2002
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city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
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Lineboro USGS Quad Map  
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HOFFMAN-BELT-TINLEY HOUSE

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NORTHWEST ELEVATION

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SOUTHWEST ELEVATION

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GUEST HOUSE, VIEW LOOKING SOUTH

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HOFFMAN BELT-TINLEY HOUSE

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GARAGE, EAST CORNER

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OUTBUILDINGS, VIEW LOOKING SOUTHWEST

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**HOFFMAN-BELT-TINLEY HOUSE** - Before 1877 - 20420  
Gunpowder Road, Hoffmanville. Victorian frame house of  
2-½ stories, with jutting cross gable. Standing-seam  
tin roof. Composition shingle covering. Turned  
newells in a decorated pediment over the front porch  
entrance. Oak stairway inside. Carved front door with  
applied decoration. Heavy molded door frames inside.  
Miscellaneous concrete-block outbuildings used by  
antique craftsman. Across the road there is a grove of  
trees where the brick mansion of W. H. Hoffman had  
stood. House found on 1877 atlas.  
Owner: Mrs. Shirley Tinley.